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TOPIC Observation Posts in the Lehnin Area

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DATE PREPARED 30 January 1951

REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE) 1 - One sketch on ditto

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

- On 19 December 1950 and 2 January 1951, a Soviet guard detail of about 15 to 20 men according to a local resident, was quartered in a temporary building, about 5 x 7 meters, on a hill southwest of Kanin (N 53/Z 42), and 1 1/2 km west of the Kloster Lehnin (N 53/Z 42) railroad station. The hill is located between the roads to Buschdorf and Borkheide. There were two masts, 10 meters high, one with a brush-like bundle of wires on top, near the building. The field surrounding the building was fenced-in. A wire strung between the masts had a lead-in to the temporary building. The two masts were interconnected by a wire from the middle of which one wire branched off and led downward. A double-wire telephone line was seen running toward the northwest as far as the autobahn. \*
- On 26 November and 3 December, two observation posts were observed in windmills east and south of Lehnin. Both of the observation posts were of the same type and were occupied. One was approximately 300 meters west of Raedel (N 53/Z 42) and the other one was at the southwestern end of the village of Kanin (N 53/Z 42). New, balcony-like structures were on the roofs of each of the windmills. An antenna, about 60 to 80 meters long, was strung from a rod which protruded about 3 to 5 meters beyond the roof of both the mills\* next to each of the mills was a fenced-in, temporary building which was occupied by about 40 men of Unit [REDACTED] \*\*. There were two sentry posts of two men each, who wore blue epaulets. They were accompanied by dogs.

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. The presence of the observation posts is reported for the first time. Since the information is supplied by two sources, it is believed credible. The observation posts are probably air observation posts. To date, it has not been determined whether similar observation posts are distributed over the entire area of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. For location sketch of observation post southwest of Kanin, see Annex.

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\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] has been repeatedly reported as belonging to an air observation post in the Lehnin area.

1 Annex: Observation Post Southwest of Kanin, Lehnin Area.

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